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1. An airfield is under construction at Bolyarsko, near Yambol. During December 1949, the work had been underway on the field which is 500 to 600 meters in width and nearly three kilometers in length. The surface for the entire field is crushed stone.
2. Underground hangars are under construction at Barshen Bair (sic) landing field, south of Sliven and near the village of Metropolia near Plevna.
3. There is an airborne battalion and about thirty or forty aircraft at Balchik. As many as one hundred parachutists are dropped at one time during maneuvers. A twenty man Soviet air training team under the supervision of a Soviet Army colonel is located at Balchik.
4. An unnamed Soviet General, escorted by a Soviet Colonel Rotkov, visited an airfield under construction at Dobrich during December 1949. Large anti-aircraft guns arrived about the same time and 800 men in 100 Bulgarian Army trucks have been transferred to the field to aid in its construction.
5. There are about sixty aircraft on the Telish airfield. Most of these aircraft have a single motor.
6. The 46 Infantry Regiment (Colonel Yordanov) has its Headquarters at Dobrich. The 10 Cavalry Regiment (Lt. Colonel Kozhuharov) has its Headquarters at Dobrich. The 8 Cavalry Regiment (Colonel Kresnov) has its Headquarters at Silistra.
7. The 10 and 8 Cavalry Regiments form 3 Cavalry Brigade under the command of Colonel Kresnov. The 2 and 3 Cavalry Brigades form a Cavalry Division. It is believed that Colonel Mainov, who is the Commander of 2 Infantry Brigade, is the Commander of the above division.
8. The 10 Infantry Regiment has the following units.
 - a. A Squadron of three assault platoons and one A/T platoon.
 - b. A Squadron of three assault platoons and one mine platoon.
 - c. A Squadron of two heavy machine gun platoons and one mortar platoon.

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- d. A Squadron of two signal platoons and one platoon of engineers.
- e. A Squadron of QM services.
- f. It also has a mechanized unit with 120 Zis trucks.

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